

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of October 7, 2017
General Membership Meeting

1797: The meeting of the General Membership of the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association was held on Saturday, October 7, 2017, at 11:00 AM at Performing Arts Center, Bellevue High School, Bellevue, Washington.

2018 Season Membership Programs present:

Anacortes; Archbishop Murphy; Auburn Riverside; Bainbridge; Ballard; Bellarmine Prep; Bellevue; Bellingham; Bethel; Blanchet; Bonney Lake; Bothell; Burlington-Edison; Camas; Cascade; Central Kitsap; Central Valley; Chiawana; Columbia River; Curtis; Eastlake; Eastside Catholic; Emerald Ridge; Ferris; Franklin; Friday Harbor; Hermiston; Garfield; Gig Harbor; Glacier Peak; Gonzaga Prep; Inglemoor; Issaquah; Jackson; Juanita; Kamiak; Kennedy Catholic; Klahowya; Lakeside; Lake Washington; Lewis & Clark; Liberty; Lynden; Mead; Meadowdale; Mercer Island; Monroe; Montesano; Mt. Si; Mt. Spokane; Nathan Hale; Newport; North Kitsap; O'Dea; Olympia; Orting; Overlake; Peninsula; Redmond; Richland; Rogers; Roosevelt; Sammamish-Interlake; Seattle Academy; Seattle Prep; Sehome; Selah; Sequim, Shorecrest; Skyline; Skyview; Snohomish; Southridge; Stadium; Stanwood; Sumner; Tahoma; Union; Vashon; Wenatchee; West Seattle; West Valley; White River; Woodinville

Absent: South Kitsap

1798: The meeting was called to order by board president, Vern Smith. He welcomed all 85 programs and reminded coaches to check in with Catie if arriving late to the meeting to assure attendance is recorded and to send any team contact updates to Catie as soon as possible.

1799: Vern reminded the membership about the ground rules for speaking. Everyone can speak once on every topic. If someone wants to speak twice they must wait until everyone else has the opportunity to speak once.

1800: Vern introduced the newest provisional members to the league: Anacortes (split from Burlington – Edison), Central Kitsap (split from Klahowya), Hermiston, and Mead (split from Mt. Spokane).

1801: The WHSBLA Board of Directors was introduced.

Board President/At-Large 1 Rep: Vern Smith
Region 1 Rep (Wesco-Northwest): Greg Hill
Region 2 Rep (KingCo): Brando Fortier (absent)
Region 3 Rep (Metro): Drew Wright
Region 4 Rep (Olympic/Gr. St. Helens): Rob Hawley
Region 5 Rep (Puget Sound/Pierce): Rod Amell
Region 6 Rep (Central/Greater Spokane): Dylan Hummel (absent)
At-Large 2: Ian O'Hearn
At-Large 3: Henry Valentine
Board Executive Secretary: Catie Larsen

Rod Amell and Dylan Hummel were thanked for their service to the board as Rod will not be seeking re-election as the Region 5 Representative due to an increase in work commitments and Dylan is stepping down as Region 6 Representative due to attending and playing at Rosemont College in Philadelphia.

- 1802: Jim Lucas gave a brief overview of the TL17 Scholarship which was established 2011 in memory of WA State High School Lacrosse player, Tyler Lucas, who was killed in a car accident on his way to school prior to the start of the 2011 season in what would have been his senior year. The TL17 Memorial Scholarship provides a financial stipend for a graduating HS Senior who intends to pursue a collegiate degree and play Lacrosse. A nomination from the player's High School program is required. Jim wants programs to be aware of this scholarship so that they can nominate deserving players.
- 1803: Dave Haralson, the Washington USL Chapter President spoke on how our local chapter can benefit our state. Grants for equipment, athletic trainers and more, are available. Email info@uslax-wa.org with questions or requests. The website is uwlax-wa.org. The Hall of Fame Ceremony for the 2016 season is being held on November 11. Dejon Hush will be one of the honorees inducted to the Hall of Fame.
- 1804: Lyn Porterfield, our USL Regional Director, was introduced to give an update on different coaching clinics offered by US Lacrosse. There will be a CDP Level 1 clinic on October 28. It is from 1-4 and will be held all on the field. Check their website for more information.
- 1805: Andy Assante, from WALOA, discussed the probable new rule changes for 2018.
1. Equipment Changes – 2018 heads must meet NCAA specs. New Head specs will be enforced. If a team is found with a player out of compliance prior to the game, the team will lose the first face off.

2. If there is a flag down on a slow whistle and the offense is in the box, offense can step out of box.
3. If a shot is taken before the whistle but goes in the goal after the whistle, the shot is still good.

1806: A proposal for Fall Ball, giving coaches a limited number of contact days, during a specific timeframe, was discussed. The Fall Ball season has to be strictly voluntary. An advisory vote was taken by a show of hands and an overwhelming majority of clubs voted in favor with only one no vote. The Board will discuss and make a final decision with the next week so clubs can start to prepare for the Fall season.

1807: Board elections were announced with the following positions and nominees on the ballots and it was noted that there is space on each ballot for write-in nominations. Each candidate was given an opportunity to introduce themselves and share their reason for wishing to be on the board or have someone speak on their behalf if they were not present:

At-Large Representative 1: Vern Smith
At-Large Representative 3: Henry Valentine
Region 1 Representative: Greg Hill
Region 3 Representative: Drew Wright
Region 5 Representative: Jimmy Twining
Region 6 Representative: Amy Donaldson (Chiawana) and
Brian O'Rourk (Gonzaga Prep)

1808: Members eligible to vote were given ballots upon checking in to the meeting. A Q&A was held while board president, Vern Smith, and executive secretary, Catie Larsen, counted the ballots.

1809: The Board Election results were announced:

At-Large Representative 1: Vern Smith
At-Large Representative 3: Henry Valentine
Region 1 Representative: Greg Hill
Region 3 Representative: Drew Wright
Region 5 Representative: Jimmy Twining
Region 6 Representative: Brian O'Rourk

1810: The following season items were presented by Rob:

Uniform/Helmet/Glove requirements - Members were reminded that uniforms need to meet NFHS standards which have been in place for several years.

Teams new to the league last year and those formerly designated as D2 had been excused in prior years from meeting the requirement that helmets and gloves match. For 2018 all teams will be required to have matching helmets and gloves. This means that helmets and gloves need to be of the same dominant color.

The 2016 NFHS Rules changes for heads are in effect for 2018. Heads designated as NCAA legal or Universal should still be legal.

Petition Deadline – Player petition and transfer reviews are due by December 31st in order to allow time should a petitioner wish to appeal a board decision.

Schedule deadlines and requests – An email will go out mid-October asking for any scheduling requests. Schedule deadlines, requests and blackout dates are due November 15th.

Declaring sub-varsity teams – if you declare a JV or C team, make sure you have the numbers to support them. If a schedule is built for a declared team and they have to pull out, the membership fees will still be assessed to the program. If a program is unsure in any way that there will be a sub-varsity team, it is better to say 'No'. If the JV or C team is added later, the program can build a schedule at that time.

Maximum number of games - Members were reminded of the game limits: Each team can play a maximum of 20 games plus 1 jamboree. A jamboree is 3 shortened (40 minutes running time) games per day. If attending a two-day jamboree, the first day counts as the jamboree and the second day counts as 1 game toward the total of 20. Anything that is a contest with an opponent counts toward the game count.

All were reminded that players must have 10 practices in prior to any on field contest with an opponent.

Other games scheduled – Reminder that games may only be scheduled against teams that are sanctioned by their state leagues.

Boundaries/Expansions – If a school is not listed on the boundary document, contact your WHSBLA Board Rep.

WHSBLA Website – Please check your team page and send any updates to Brandon Fortier.

1811: Vern reminded all conglomerate programs are on the clock for 2019.

- Teams pulling players from more than one high school must split to form a new team in 2019

Or

- Release those players from other schools

Or

- Become ineligible for playoffs.

1812: The following budget items were announced:

Vern announced that the profit and loss statement for the past fiscal year is available in the lobby to look over and if there are any budget questions to see Catie

Game Fees will remain the same as last year - \$158 per varsity game; \$126 per sub-varsity game. The invoice will be sent out January 1 and due by March 1, 2017.

Membership Fees will remain the same as last year - \$300 per varsity team; \$200 per sub-varsity team. The invoice will be sent out January 1 and due at the Mandatory Coaches Meeting.

Additional Ref Fee of \$158* will be added to the Membership Fee. This money is used to pay travel costs to cover outlying areas. If a club provides a new HS ref who works at least 5 games, the fee will be refunded or added to next year's balance. *This fee is being looked at as it does not cover all of the expenses. A proposed new fee of \$177 per program is being considered. The new amount will be announced by January 1.

1813: The 2018 Season dates were announced:

- First Day of Practice – Monday, February 26, 2018
Reminder – The compliance file must be turned in and approved before any practices can count toward the 10 practices necessary to compete.
- MANDATORY Coaches Meeting – January 27, 2018.
- Championship Day - Saturday, May 26, 2018

1814: Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Catie Larsen, Executive Secretary